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STATUS REPORT ON RAMPART-RELATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY (DA), PUBLIC DEFENDER (PD), AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (APD)

In our last update to your Board in February 2001, we detailed Rampart-related expenditures that were reported by each department, and reviewed for reasonableness by the Auditor-Controller (Auditor), in the amount of \$5,013,632, for the first six months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2000-01. There were subsequent minor adjustments to each department's reported expenditures in the amount of \$119,926, which revised the total to \$5,133,558.

The Auditor performed a similar analysis on expenditures for the remaining months in the FY and concluded that the following costs, reported by all three departments, appeared to be accurate:

	<u>District Attorney</u>	<u>Public Defender</u>	<u>Alternate Public Defender</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
January - June 2001				
Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$1,444,988	\$1,490,528	\$1,094,683	\$4,030,199
Services & Supplies	3,988	132,858	93,857	230,703
Other Charges	-	-	20,648	20,648
Total	\$1,448,976	\$1,623,386	\$1,209,188	\$4,281,550
July - December 2000	\$2,096,029	\$1,835,165	\$1,202,364	\$5,133,558
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Total FY 2000-01	\$3,545,005	\$3,458,551	\$2,411,552	\$9,415,108

Additionally, the reported expenditures for all three departments, for the period July through September 2001, totaled \$2,013,544, and these costs will be subjected to the same



review process.

In addition to the above, there are two areas of Rampart-related costs unrelated to direct expenses from the three departments:

1. **Indigent Defense - PD/APD Unavailable:** In FY 2000-01, \$4,080,303 (as posted by PACE - Professional Appointee Court Expenditure System) was paid out to private panel attorneys under contract to the County to handle 26,553 cases for which the PD and APD declared unavailability. However, only a portion of this cost was due to Rampart. Unavailability costs were also attributable to court unification, Proposition 36, and attorney attrition. In FY 2000-01, PD and APD did not report the breakdown of unavailability by type.

During the period of July through November 2001, \$2,147,741 (as posted by PACE - Professional Appointee Court Expenditure System) was expended on 8,986 cases for which the PD and APD declared unavailability. During this period, PD began reporting the breakdown of unavailability by type. Of the 8,951 cases handled by private panel attorneys for PD, 1,674 cases were due to Rampart.

2. **Post-Conviction Review:** During the period December 1, 2000 through November 30, 2001, \$500,000 was paid out in post-conviction costs for the review of approximately 2,416 Rampart cases which were originally conflicted by the PD and APD. These cases were handled by court appointed private attorneys and the post-conviction review must also be conducted by court appointed private attorneys.

In conjunction with the Auditor, we will continue to monitor and review the monthly reported Rampart costs for FY 2001-02 and report to your Board as necessary.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Rick Cavataio of this office at (213) 974-2291.

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